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1. (currently amended) A container, comprising:
a container structure having an internal storage compartment and an opening for accessing said storage compartment; and
a sliding panel and a pivoting panel operable to cover and uncover the opening, said pivoting panel being pivotable between a closed position covering a first portion of the opening and an open position, said sliding panel being slidable between a closed position covering a second portion of said opening adjacent said first portion and an intermediate open position disposed in lapped relation with said pivoting panel when said pivoting panel is in the closed position thereof so as to provide access to said compartment through said second portion,
said sliding panel being pivotable, when in said intermediate open position thereof, together with said pivoting panel into a fully open position to provide access to both the first and second portions of the opening; and
locking structure constructed and arranged to releasably lock said sliding panel and said pivoting panel to one another when the sliding panel moves into said intermediate open position, wherein said locking structure is further constructed and arranged to release said sliding panel and said pivoting panel from locking engagement with one another when the pivoting panel moves into said closed position.
 2. (currently amended) A container according to claim 1, wherein said pivoting panel is prevented from pivoting from ~~its~~ said closed position towards ~~its~~ said open position when the sliding panel is not in ~~its~~ said intermediate open position.
 3. (currently amended) A container according to claim 2, wherein portions of said sliding panel comprise structure constructed and arranged to prevent the pivoting panel from pivoting when said sliding panel is not in ~~its~~ said intermediate open position.
 4. (currently amended) A container according to claim 1, further comprising a pair of door track structures mounted on the container structure and a pair of door track structures mounted on the pivoting panel, the pairs of door track structures being constructed and arranged such that when the pivoting panel is in ~~its~~ said closed position, the pairs of door track structures are aligned with one another and extend transversely across the opening to

provide a travel path for the sliding panel between the closed and intermediate open positions thereof.

5. (currently amended) A container according to claim 4, wherein said container is further constructed and arranged such that (a) when said sliding panel is positioned in ~~its~~ said closed position or in any position between ~~its~~ said closed position and ~~its~~ said intermediate open position the sliding panel is interengaged with both pairs of said track structures and (b) such that when said sliding panel is in ~~its~~ said intermediate open position, it is disengaged from the pair of door track structures on said container structure.

6. (canceled)

7. (canceled)

8. (original) A container according to claim 1, wherein the opening is a side opening.

9. (currently amended) A container according to claim 1, further comprising a pair of wheels mounted on the container structure such that (a) when the container structure is in an upright position on a level surface the wheels are spaced from the ground and such that (b) the container structure can be positioned so that the wheels engage the ground and the container structure ~~is~~ is supported on the wheels.

10. (original) A container according to claim 9, further comprising a transport handle mounted on the container structure constructed and arranged such that when the container structure is supported on said wheels, pushing or pulling in the transport handle causes the container structure to roll on said wheel.

11. (original) A container according to claim 1, further comprising a carrying handle mounted on said container structure to enable the container structure to be carried.

12. (new) A container according to claim 1, wherein said locking structure comprises a projecting structure on said sliding panel and an opening formed in said pivoting panel, wherein said projecting structure engages said opening when said sliding panel moves into said intermediate open position.

13. (new) A container according to claim 12, wherein said locking structure further comprises a raised structure mounted on said container structure adjacent said opening, wherein said raised structure abuts and releases said projecting structure from said opening when said pivoting panel pivots into said closed position.

14. (new) A container, comprising:

a container structure having an internal storage compartment and an opening for accessing said storage compartment;

a pivoting panel including a pivoting panel member having an upper edge, a lower edge, and side edges, wherein an upper arm structure is mounted to the upper edge of said pivoting panel member and a lower arm structure is mounted to the lower edge of said pivoting panel member, said pivoting panel being pivotally mounted to said container structure at one of said side edges so that said pivoting panel is pivotal between a closed position and an open position, wherein a lock receiving structure is formed on at least one of said upper and lower arm structures; and

a sliding panel including a sliding panel member with an upper mounting member mounted to an upper edge of said sliding panel and a lower mounting member mounted to a lower edge of said sliding panel, said upper and lower mounting members slidably mounted to said container structure so that said sliding panel is slidable between a closed position and an open position toward the pivotally mounted side edge of the pivoting panel member, wherein a locking structure is formed on at least one of said upper and lower mounting members and said locking structure engages said lock receiving structure when said sliding panel is slid into said open position.

15. (new) A container according to claim 14, wherein said upper and lower mounting members are flexible.

16. (new) A container according to claim 14, wherein said upper and lower arm structures of said pivoting panel define door tracks that slidably receive said sliding panel.

17. (new) A container according to claim 14, wherein said locking structure is a projecting structure and said lock receiving structure is an opening.

18. (new) A container according to claim 17, further comprising a raised structure formed on said container structure, wherein said raised structure engages said opening to dislodge said projecting structure when said pivoting panel is pivoted into said closed position.

19. (new) A container according to claim 14, further comprising a releasing structure formed on said container structure that releases said locking structure when said pivoting panel is pivoted into said closed position.

20. (new) A container according to claim 19, wherein said releasing structure is a raised structure that interacts with said locking structure.

21. (new) A container according to claim 20, wherein said raised structure engages said locking structure via said lock receiving structure.
